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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated December 17, 2002. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application.

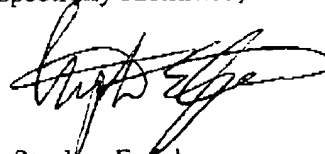
**Response to Election/Restriction of Claims Pursuant to 35 U. S. C. §121**

In the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002, Examiner has restricted Applicants to one of the following inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a porous film, classified in class 435, subclass 182.
- II. Claims 9-16, drawn to a method of producing porous films, classified in class 435, subclass 174.

Applicants elect invention I directed to the composition of matter, a porous latex film, as claimed in claims 1-8. Applicants make said election to the Examiner without prejudice. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues related to this application by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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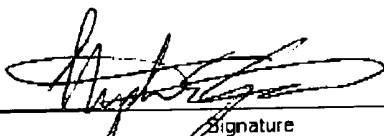
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